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### **Amherst Partners Adds Managing Director**

**Birmingham, Michigan (February 12, 2009)** Amherst Partners today announced that Judith E. Rinkus has joined the firm as a Managing Director in its Birmingham, Michigan office.

Ms. Rinkus will focus on helping middle market, privately-held companies achieve their financial objectives, including debt refinancing, turnaround/restructuring support, business advisory, and merger and acquisition assistance. She also works directly with financial institutions that require assistance with clients experiencing operational and financial difficulties.

Prior to joining Amherst Partners, Ms. Rinkus spent more than 25 years in the commercial lending industry, most recently as Managing Director for National City Bank/PNC. While in the banking industry she worked with over 800 corporate clients, the majority ranging in revenue from \$10 to \$250 million. Ms. Rinkus assisted clients in a wide variety of industries such as food distributors and brokers, building products, pharmaceutical distributors, production automotive suppliers, and tooling and equipment manufacturers. Ms. Rinkus obtained a wide variety of working capital, capital expenditure, and growth and acquisition financing for her clients, as well as troubled debt restructuring. She has also assisted numerous clients develop exit strategies, including the sale or recapitalization of their businesses.

Ms. Rinkus is on the Board of Directors of Inforum, formerly known as the Women's Economic Club, the largest business women's networking organization in the nation. She was also an honoree to the InnerCircle for 2007-08, a panel of 100 of the most influential business leaders in Southeastern Michigan.

Ms. Rinkus holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, with a concentration in Finance.

#### **About Amherst Partners**

Since 1994, Amherst Partners has assisted middle market businesses by providing comprehensive merger and acquisition, corporate restructuring, and management advisory services. With offices in Birmingham and Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and Columbus, Ohio, Amherst brings together skill in the

merger and acquisition process, expertise in finance and operational management, and a network of local and global resources. Amherst is a member of IMAP, the world's largest M&A network.

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